



WHOSE SIDE...

...ARE YOU ON?

THE MARVEL UNIVERSE IS CHANGING. AFTER THE RASH ACTIONS OF FOUR YOUNG HEROES CAUSE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY OF STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, A SUPERHUMAN REGISTRATION ACT IS PASSED BY CONGRESS, AND NOW ALL THOSE POSSESSING PARANORMAL ABILITIES ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE GOVERNMENT. REACTION AMONG THE SUPER HEROES IS SPLIT DOWN THE MIDDLE, WITH AN AWOL CAPTAIN AMERICA ON ONE SIDE AND A PRO-REGISTRATION IRON MAN ON THE OTHER. AS HEROES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE BEING ARRESTED FOR REFUSING TO REGISTER, SPIDER-MAN MAKES A BOLD MOVE AND UNMASKS IN FRONT OF THE MEDIA...



CIVIL WAR

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A MARVEL COMICS EVENT IN SEVEN PARTS

CIVIL WAR

After Stamford, Connecticut is destroyed during a televised fight between the New Warriors and a group of dangerous villains, public sentiment turns against super heroes.

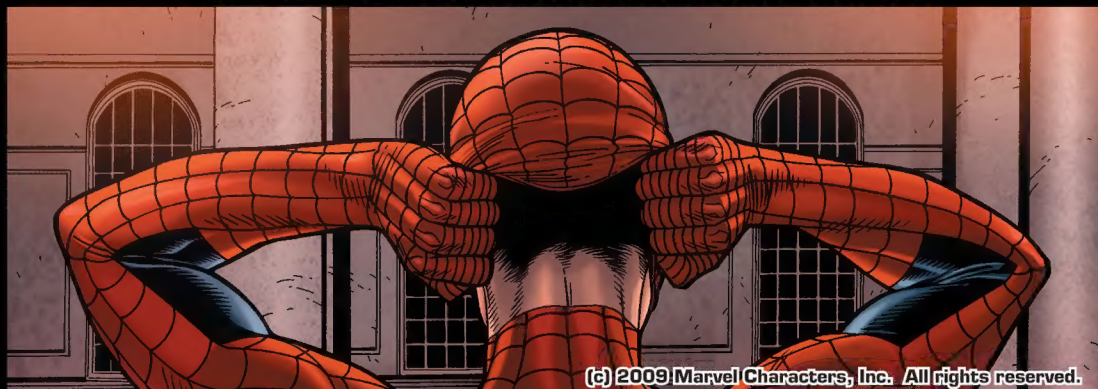
Johnny Storm, the Human Torch, is attacked outside a nightclub and beaten into a coma. Advocates call for reform, and a Superhuman Registration Act is debated, which would require all those possessing paranormal abilities to register with the government, divulge their true identities to the authorities and submit to training and sanctioning in the manner of federal agents.

One week later, the Act is passed. Any person with superhuman powers who refuses to register is now a criminal.



Some heroes, such as Iron Man, see this as a natural evolution of the role of superhumans in society, and a reasonable request. Others view the Act as an assault on their civil liberties. After being called upon to hunt down heroes in defiance of the Registration Act, Captain America goes underground and begins to form a resistance movement.

Spider-Man, who has allied himself with Iron Man and the pro-registration side, not only registers, but also un.masks as Peter Parker in front of the media.



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SOAK IT UP,
PETER.

YOU'RE
BIGGER THAN
ELVIS NOW.

THE BLACK PANTHER, WAKANDA:

YOU UNMASKED SPIDER-MAN ON LIVE TELEVISION?

NO, PARKER UNMASKED VOLUNTARILY, T'CHALLA, BECAUSE IRON MAN EXPLAINED THE GRAVITY OF OUR SITUATION.

CONFIDENCE IN SUPER-HUMANS IS AT AN ALL-TIME LOW. STARK'S PLAN FOR A NEW BEGINNING IS THE ONLY CHANCE WE HAVE LEFT.

A SUPER POLICE FORCE COVERING ALL FIFTY STATES? AND ME HELPING HIM HUNT DOWN THE SUPER HEROES WHO DISAGREE WITH IT?

I DON'T THINK SO, REED. WE DON'T LIKE IT WHEN AMERICA INTERFERES IN WAKANDAN AFFAIRS, AND I CAN ONLY ASSUME THE FEELING IS RECIPROCATED.

ACTUALLY, THE PRESIDENT REQUESTED THIS OF YOU PERSONALLY...

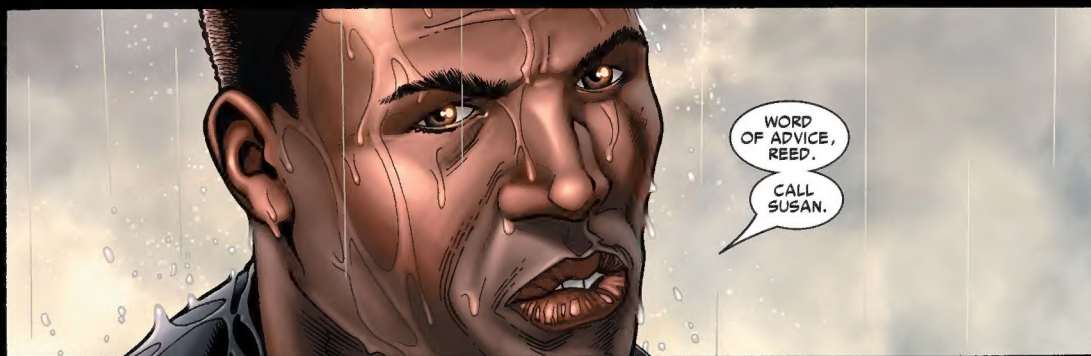
WELL, I'M AFRAID HE'S GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED. NOW TELL ME: WHAT ABOUT JOHNNY STORM? IS THE HUMAN TORCH RECOVERING WELL?

I HAVEN'T CHECKED IN FOR A DAY OR TWO, BUT SUSAN'S BARELY LEFT HIS BEDSIDE. IF ANYTHING WAS WRONG, I'M SURE I'D HAVE HEARD.

I LOVE IT OUT HERE, DON'T YOU? THIS HIGH-TECH JUNGLE.

IT'S SO EERIE STANDING AMONG TREES WITHOUT BIRDS OR INSECTS.

I'VE ALWAYS MEANT TO ASK: DOES THE ECO-SYSTEM ADAPT ITSELF OR HAVE YOU MANIPULATED IT ARTIFICIALLY?



WORD
OF ADVICE,
REED.

CALL
SUSAN.



I'M SORRY,
YELLOWJACKET,
BUT THE MASTER
SAID HE WOULDN'T
EVEN *CONSIDER*
SUPPORTING
TONY STARK'S
PLANS.

IN FACT, HE'S
GONE INTO SECLUSION
IN HIS ARCTIC LODGE
IN THE HOPE THAT HE
MIGHT *RESOLVE*
YOUR DIFFERENCES
BY *FASTING* FOR
FORTY NIGHTS.

WELL, HE
KNOWS WHERE
TO FIND US IF
HE CHANGES
HIS MIND,
WONG.

DAMN WATCH
ALWAYS SEEMS
TO STOP WHEN
I'M IN THIS
STUPID HOUSE.



THE X-MEN, WESTCHESTER:

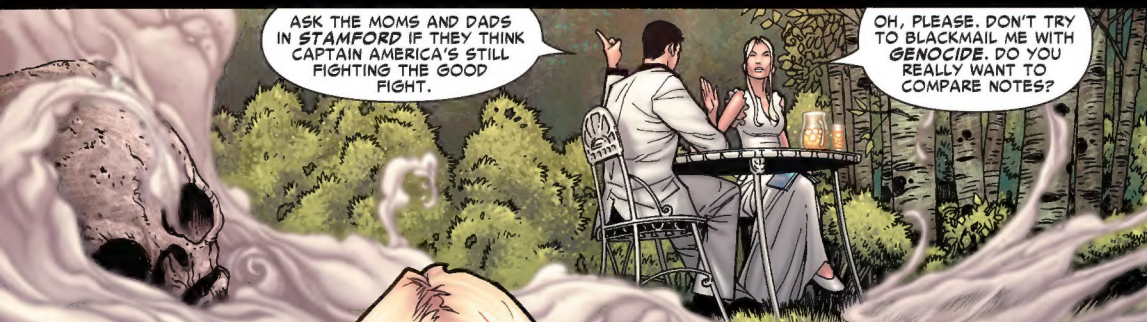




EVEN WITH NINETY-PERCENT **PUBLIC BACKING?** AND THAT **BOYFRIEND** OF YOURS SO KEEN TO CURRY FAVOR WITH THE **WHITE HOUSE** AGAIN?



PERHAPS WE JUST KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE PERSECUTED WHILE YOU'RE FIGHTING THE **GOOD FIGHT**, MISTER STARK.



ASK THE MOMS AND DADS IN **STAMFORD** IF THEY THINK CAPTAIN AMERICA'S STILL FIGHTING THE **GOOD FIGHT**.

OH, PLEASE. DON'T TRY TO BLACKMAIL ME WITH **GENOCIDE**. DO YOU REALLY WANT TO COMPARE NOTES?

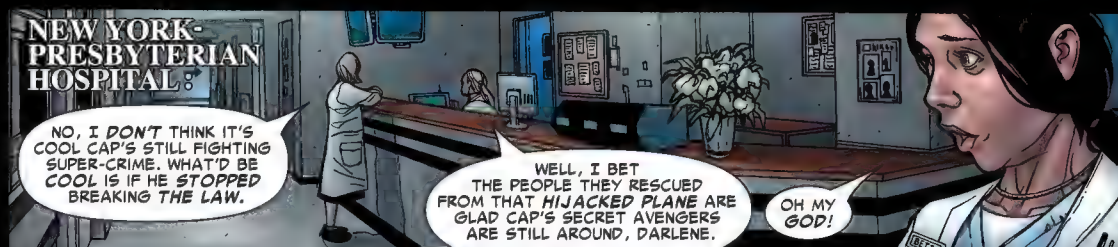


WHERE WERE THE AVENGERS WHEN **GENOSHA** DIED, IRON MAN?

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN **OUR** BABIES WERE BURNING?

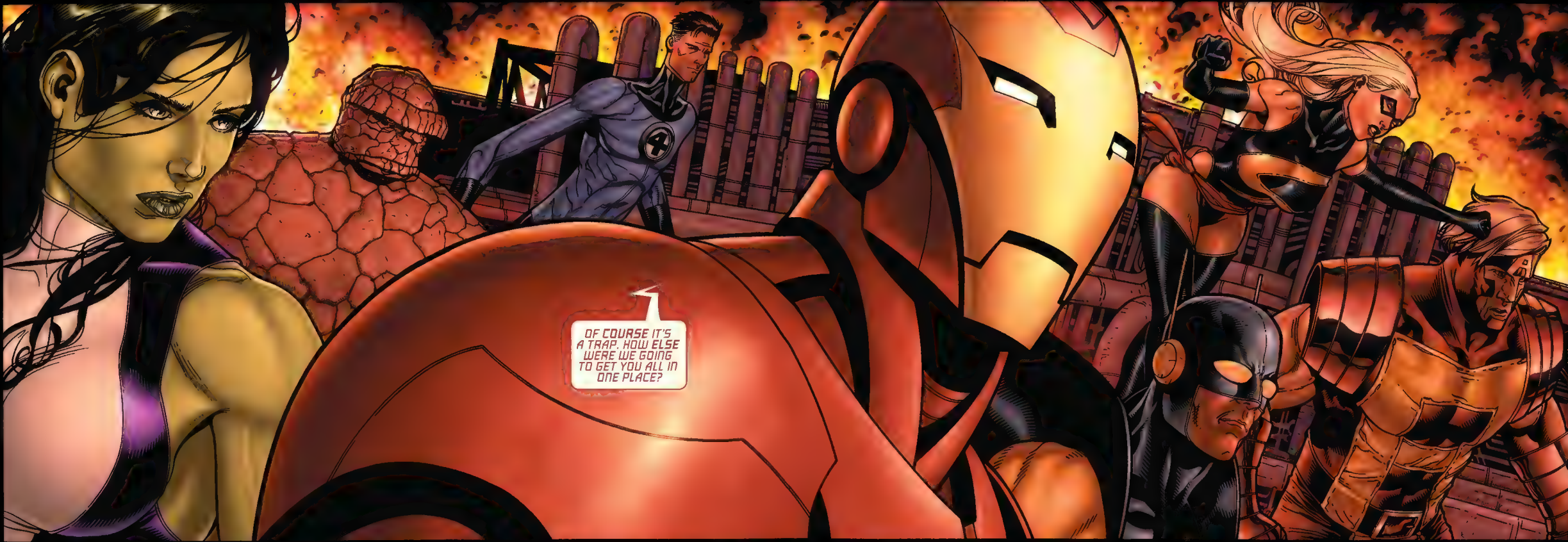






GEFFEN-MEYER CHEMICALS:





OF COURSE IT'S A TRAP. HOW ELSE WERE WE GOING TO GET YOU ALL IN ONE PLACE?



WHAT THE HELL HAVE THEY DONE TO THEM, CAP? THEY'RE OUT COLD!



JUST A LITTLE TRANQUILIZER TO MAKE SURE NOBODY GETS TELEPORTED AWAY, KIDDO.

SKY-BIRD ONE, YOU GOT THESE GUYS IN YOUR SIGHTS?



READY WHEN YOU ARE, SPIDER-MAN. JUST GIVE THE WORD.



S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER:

MARIA HILL TO ALL AIRBORNE AGENTS: YOU ARE ONLY THERE IN A SUPPORT CAPACITY. HOLD YOUR FIRE AND AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS.



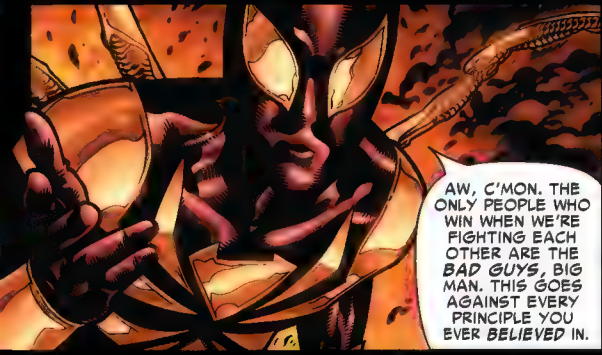
YOUR
PAYMASTERS
GOING SOFT,
TONY?

WE DIDN'T COME
HERE TO ARREST
YOU, CAP. I TALKED
S.H.I.E.L.D. INTO
OFFERING YOU ONE
FINAL AMNESTY.



YOU MEAN A
SURRENDER?

THANKS, BUT
I THINK I'D
RATHER TAKE
MY CHANCES.



AW, C'MON. THE
ONLY PEOPLE WHO
WIN WHEN WE'RE
FIGHTING EACH
OTHER ARE THE
BAD GUYS, BIG
MAN. THIS GOES
AGAINST EVERY
PRINCIPLE YOU
EVER BELIEVED IN.



DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT
PRINCIPLES, SPIDER-MAN.
I SAW THAT LITTLE STUNT
YOU PULLED ON TV. IS MARY
JANE HAPPY ABOUT THE
SANDMAN HAVING HER
ZIP CODE NOW?



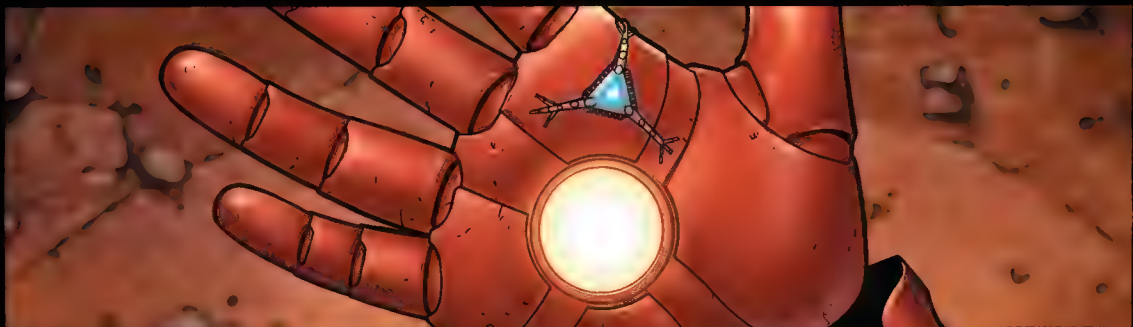
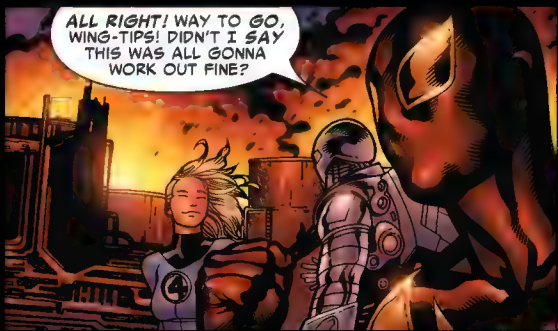
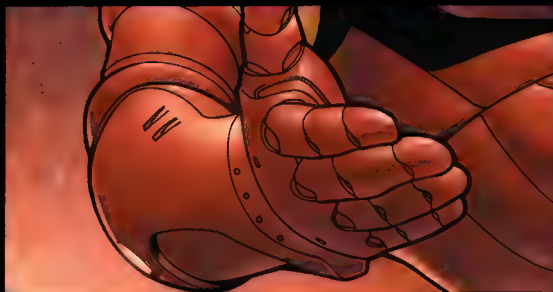
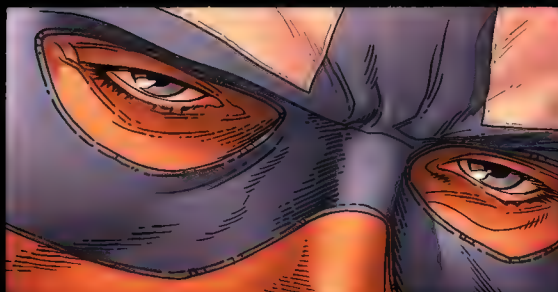
CAP, PLEASE. I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY.
I KNOW IT'S AN ENORMOUS CHANGE
FROM THE WAY WE'VE ALWAYS WORKED,
BUT WE AREN'T LIVING IN NINETEEN
FORTY-FIVE ANYMORE.

THE PUBLIC DOESN'T
WANT MASKS AND
SECRET IDENTITIES.
THEY WANT TO FEEL
SAFE WHEN WE'RE
AROUND, AND THERE'S
NO OTHER WAY TO
WIN BACK THEIR
RESPECT.

YOU'VE KNOWN ME HALF MY ADULT LIFE,
CAP. YOU KNOW I WOULDN'T DO THIS
UNLESS I BELIEVED IN IT WITH ALL
MY HEART.

WE DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.
JUST GIVE ME THE CHANCE TO TELL
YOU OUR PLANS FOR MY TWENTY-
FIRST CENTURY OVERHAUL.

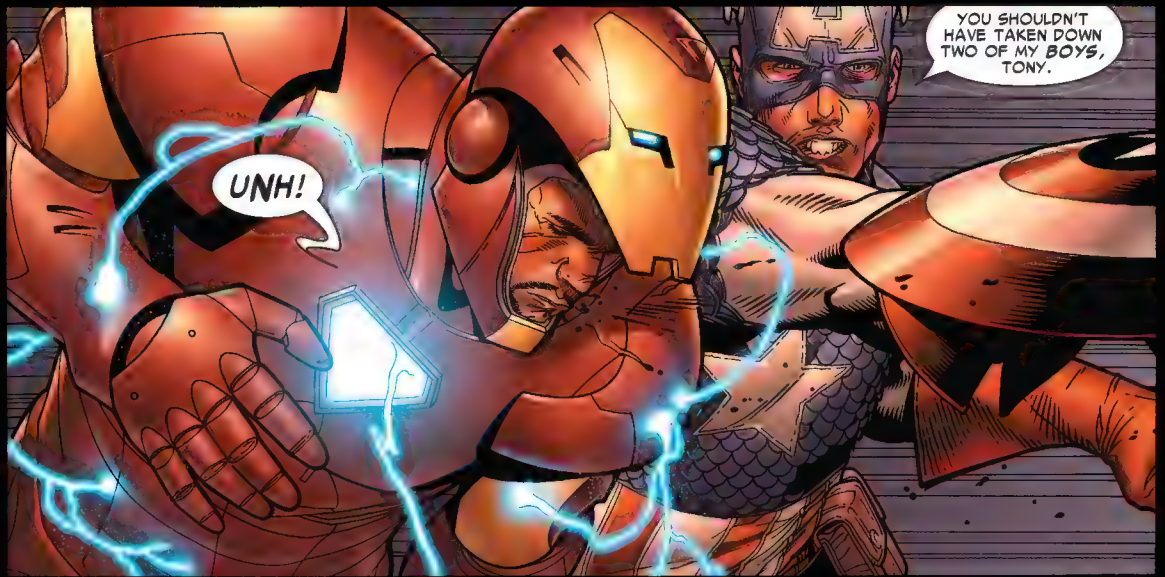






IT'S A S.H.I.E.L.D.
ELECTRON-SCRAMBLER.
DEVELOPED BY NICK FURY'S
TECH TEAM IN CASE YOU
EVER WENT OVER TO
THE OTHER SIDE.

AAAGH!



YOU SHOULDN'T
HAVE TAKEN DOWN
TWO OF MY BOYS,
TONY.

UHH!



HEAD FOR THE
WATER!

GO!!



HANK, PLEASE!
WE CAN DO THIS
WITHOUT YOU
HAVING TO
GROW--!

